

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills) for the Second Session of the 115th Congress.

Senate confirmed the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2399–S2460

Measures Introduced: Eighty-one bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1140–1220, S. Res. 159–171, and S. Con. Res. 14.
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Measures Passed:

Lady Bears of Baylor University Division I Women's Basketball Championship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, commending and congratulating the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship. **Page S2441**

University of Virginia Division I Men's Basketball Championship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, commending the University of Virginia men's basketball team for winning the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship. **Pages S2441–42**

Importance of Vaccinations and Immunizations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 165, recognizing the importance of vaccinations and immunizations in the United States. **Pages S2442–43**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2019, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S2443**

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, designating the week of April 20, 2019, through April 28, 2019, as “National Park Week”. **Page S2443**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, designating April 2019 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2443–44**

100th Anniversary of the Founding of Easterseals: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 85, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of Easterseals, a leading advocate and service provider for children and adults with disabilities, including veterans and older adults, and their caregivers and families, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2455**

National 9–1–1 Education Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 131, designating April 2019 as “National 9–1–1 Education Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2455**

National Safe Digging Month: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 136, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2455–56**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Page S2456**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 31, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S2456**

Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 23, supporting the goals and ideals of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should

raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction. **Pages S2456–58**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 116th Congress: Senators Wicker (Co-Chair), Boozman, Gardner, Rubio, and Tillis. **Page S2455**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Rubio (Co-Chair), Cotton, Daines, Lankford, and Young. **Page S2455**

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress: Senators Rubio (Administrative Co-Chair), Fischer (Co-Chair), Gardner (Co-Chair), Sasse (Co-Chair), Blunt, Graham, Inhofe, Risch, and Romney. **Page S2455**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2455**

Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon receipt of H.R. 1222, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States, if the text is the same as S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States, H.R. 1222 be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that with respect to S. 94, passage be vitiated and the bill be indefinitely postponed. **Page S2458**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 15, 2019, at 3 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 11:45 a.m.; Monday, April 22, 2019, at 9 a.m.; Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 25, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 29, 2019. **Pages S2458–59**

Cooper Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. **Page S2421**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 11, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 29, 2019. **Page S2421**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2420**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2421**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 29, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 29, 2019. **Pages S2458–59**

Cooper Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Page S2421**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. **Page S2421**

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Hartogensis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years. **Page S2421**

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Barker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S2421**

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Brasher Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S2421**

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Ruiz II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rodolfo Armando

Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S2422**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S2422**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2422**

Arias-Marxuach—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Page S2422**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S2422**

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Wolson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S2422**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Page S2422**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 77), David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2399–S2420, S2459**

Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Drew H. Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Wing Chau, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Ramona L. Dohman, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Nick Edward Proffitt, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. **Pages S2425, S2458, S2459**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security.

Nazak Nikakhtar, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Morse H. Tan, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice.

Richard Giacalone, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Page S2459**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Robert Williams, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2019. **Page S2460**

Messages from the House: **Page S2432**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2432, S2458**

Executive Communications: **Page S2432**

Petitions and Memorials: **Page S2432**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2431–32**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2446–54**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S2454–55**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—77) **Page S2420**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2458–59.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, and Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, and Erica Navarro, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Jon Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

SPACE FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposal to establish a United States Space Force, after receiving testimony from Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting Secretary, Heather